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I have been working in the computing field for a little more than three decades. When I entered the field, IBM "owned the waterfront", making it essentially impossible for any competition to thrive. Microsoft now holds that position, with even more market share than IBM held back then.

This is clearly a bad situation for the computing industry. Microsoft is able to dominate the field, while producing mediocre and dangerous (e.g., unreliable and insecure) software. They also use their power to discourage standardization efforts that would allow more competition.

I am not well versed in the legal aspects of this case, so I will not try to suggest the exact shape of the settlement. Please count me as an opponent of the current proposal, however; it is FAR too lenient.

Yours, Rich Morin

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